

HR 379

Healthcare Freedom and Choice Act

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Sponsor

Name: Rep. Carter, Earl L. "Buddy" [R-GA-1]

Party: Republican • **State:** GA • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (11 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Allen, Rick W. [R-GA-12]	R · GA		Jan 14, 2025
Rep. Buchanan, Vern [R-FL-16]	R · FL		Jan 14, 2025
Rep. Crenshaw, Dan [R-TX-2]	R · TX		Jan 14, 2025
Rep. Kelly, Mike [R-PA-16]	R · PA		Jan 14, 2025
Rep. Letlow, Julia [R-LA-5]	R · LA		Jan 14, 2025
Rep. Smucker, Lloyd [R-PA-11]	R · PA		Jan 14, 2025
Rep. Yakym, Rudy [R-IN-2]	R · IN		Feb 4, 2025
Rep. Fulcher, Russ [R-ID-1]	R · ID		Oct 28, 2025
Rep. Fitzgerald, Scott [R-WI-5]	R · WI		Dec 4, 2025
Rep. Bentz, Cliff [R-OR-2]	R · OR		Dec 18, 2025
Rep. Barrett, Tom [R-MI-7]	R · MI		Feb 25, 2026

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 14, 2025
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 14, 2025
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 14, 2025

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jan 14, 2025)

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This bill nullifies a rule regarding short-term, limited-duration health insurance plans. The rule was promulgated by the Internal Revenue Service, Employee Benefits Security Administration, and Department of Health and Human Services; is titled *Short-Term, Limited-Duration Insurance and Independent, Noncoordinated Excepted Benefits Coverage*; and was published April 3, 2024.

Short-term, limited-duration health insurance plans are plans that may only offer coverage for a limited amount of time and are exempt from the market requirements of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (e.g., coverage of individuals with preexisting conditions).

The rule limits the length of the initial contract period for such a plan to no more than three months and, taking into account any renewals or extensions, the maximum coverage period to no more than four months. The rule also includes within the maximum renewal period limitation a new plan sold by the same issuer, or any issuer that is a member of the same controlled group, to the same policyholder within a 12-month period.

Regulations in effect prior to the rule this bill nullifies permitted short-term, limited-duration health insurance plans with an initial contract period of fewer than 12 months and a maximum coverage period of up to 36 months, including renewals and extensions.

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